

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign an interim or statutory committee to study retail predatory gasoline pricing throughout the State of Indiana.

WATERMAN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, predatory gasoline pricing occurs when a seller, often a large firm with substantial resources, purposely sells gasoline below cost in order to attract customers to a particular store and drive local, smaller competitors out of business;

Whereas, by driving out local competitors, the remaining seller will be in a monopoly or near-monopoly position and will then be able to substantially increase the price of gasoline throughout their locality;

Whereas, due to predatory pricing practices, small independent fuel retailers in Indiana are unable to effectively compete with the larger corporate businesses;

Whereas, over time, predatory pricing activities will severely

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reduce and eventually eliminate most of Indiana's small independent gas stations, which will allow major retailers to sell fuel at a much higher price; and

Whereas, current Indiana laws do not adequately address the negative issues related to predatory pricing of gasoline at the state level: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign an interim or statutory committee to study the practice of predatory gasoline pricing and the effect that legislation properly addressing the issue may have on the predatory gasoline pricing that now plagues the retail gasoline industry.

SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate under the direction of the legislative council and that the committee shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

